

# Superior Court Judge

## Stephen B. Wallace, Third Judicial District



**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Police Officer City of Kodiak - 1982-1985; Public Safety Officer - North Slope Borough April - August 1988; Associate Attorney - Jamin, Ebell, Schmitt & Mason P.C. - 1998-2002

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Sport Fishing, Carpentry, reading.

**STATEMENT:**

I received my B.A. in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University in 1981. I moved to Kodiak in 1982 and worked for three years as a police officer before attending law school in Oregon. Since 1982 I have lived throughout Alaska working in the justice system. I have always returned to Kodiak because Kodiak is my home. As counsel I have appeared on both sides of criminal cases, child protection cases, and delinquency cases. I have had experience with administrative and civil matters involving divorce, child custody, estate planning, and contracts. I have appeared in courts around the state from Utqiagvik to Kodiak as an attorney. I came to the bench with a working knowledge of the rules of evidence and procedure gained through work as a trial advocate. Since becoming a judge I have undertaken to be faithful to the law while striving to be fair and issuing timely decisions. I consider it a privilege to serve as the Superior Court judge in Kodiak. I am committed to working diligently to make timely decisions and complete the work entrusted to me through careful review of the facts and application of the law.

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**AGE:** 64

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Royal Oak, Michigan

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Jill B. Wallace

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** Luke and Levi Bunting

**OCCUPATION:** Superior Court Judge

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 40 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Kodiak: 1982-85; 1993-2002; 2006-present.  
Anchorage: 1988-1989; 1992-1993; 2002-2006.  
Palmer: 1989-1990. Bethel: 1990-1992

**EDUCATION:**

George A Dondero High School, Michigan - 1976;  
Michigan State University B.A. Criminal Justice -1982;  
Thomas M. Cooley Law School fall- 1981; University  
of Oregon Law School Juris Doctorate 1988.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Superior Court Law Clerk - Anchorage: 1988-89. Assistant District Attorney: Palmer 1989-90; Bethel 1990-1992; Anchorage 1992-1993; 2002-2006. District Attorney Kodiak: 1993-1998; 2007-2017; District Attorney Bethel: 2017-2019. Superior Court Judge Kodiak: 2019-present

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## Judge Stephen Wallace, Kodiak Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Wallace met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Wallace was appointed to the Kodiak Superior Court in March of 2019. Judge Wallace handles civil and criminal cases. This is his first retention evaluation.

**Summary:** After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Wallace met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Wallace complied with judicial ethics standards.

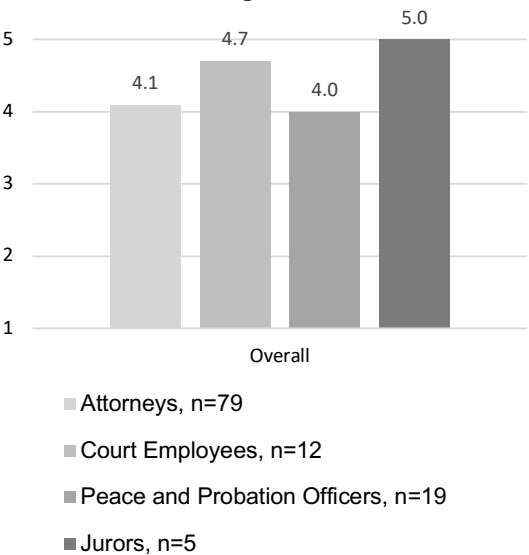
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Wallace in office.

**Survey ratings:** Attorneys who appeared before Judge Wallace gave him very good reviews. Peace and probation officers and social services professionals who appeared before him gave him excellent reviews, as did court employees and jurors. One juror commented, “No suggestions. Judge Wallace was clear, direct and hospitable. Great experience, 10/10, would serve again.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Wallace. Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Wallace’s professional activities showed positive contributions to the administration of justice and his community. Judge Wallace made contributions in the areas of committee service, youth activities, and community involvement. A detailed list of Judge Wallace’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Wallace, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Wallace performed well in these areas.

Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Wallace



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

\*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)